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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

(SALT TWO-779)

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT SALT TWO MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1975.

MR. MINISTER,

I

ON AUGUST 26, 1975, I STATED THAT THE US WOULD PROPOSE
APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FOR BANNING CERTAIN SYSTEMS IN THE NEW
AGREEMENT. TODAY I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE
ADOPTED FOR ARTICLE X:

"EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST OR DEPLOY:

(A) LAND-BASED CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF INTERCONTINENTAL
RANGE, THAT IS, A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 5,500 KILOMETERS, OR

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LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES;

(B) BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF RANGES IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS FOR INSTALLATION ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES, OR LAUNCHERS FOR SUCH MISSILES;
(C) FIXED BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS FOR EMPLACEMENT ON THE SEABED, ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, ON THE BEDS OF INTERNAL WATERS, OR IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, OR MOBILE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS WHICH MOVE ONLY IN CONTACT WITH THE SEABED, THE OCEAN FLOOR, OR THE BEDS OF INTERNAL WATERS, OR MISSILES FOR SUCH LAUNCHERS;
(D) SYSTEMS FOR PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH, OR FOR FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES."

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THE LANGUAGE THAT I HAVE JUST PROPOSED TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSION THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE HAD ON THE SUBJECT OF BANNING CERTAIN SYSTEMS IN THE NEW AGREEMENT.

III

THERE ARE TWO POINTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROPOSAL THAT I WISH TO MAKE CLEAR IN ORDER TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION. FIRST, THE BAN ON BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT CURRENT PRACTICES OF EITHER SIDE FOR TRANSPORTING BALLISTIC MISSILES. SECOND, THE TERM "SEABED" USED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (C) OF THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE BEDS OF TERRITORIAL SEAS; AND THE TERM "INTERNAL WATERS" REFERS TO ALL WATERS LANDWARD FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, INCLUDING INLAND WATERS.

WITH RESPECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (C), YOU WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED THE SOVIET APPROACH FOR BANNING SYSTEMS FOR PLACING WEAPONS IN ORBIT AS CONTAINED IN YOUR PROPOSAL OF AUGUST 29, 1975. HOWEVER, THE US FORMULATION USES THE PHRASE "FOR FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES" TO MAKE THE PROVISION MORE PRECISE. OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOVIET APPROACH IS CONDITIONAL UPON THERE BEING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON THE RECORD BETWEEN US THAT THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PHRASE WHICH YOU HAVE TRANSLATED AS "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS THE US TERM "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL BOMBARDMENT SYSTEM (FOBS)". MR. MINISTER, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT

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THIS IS THE CASE.

IV

MR. MINISTER, I PROPOSE THAT WE NOW REFER THIS ARTICLE TO THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP.

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MR. MINISTER:

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I WILL NOW TURN TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE XX OF THE
JOINT DRAFT TEXT.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE
AT THESE NOGOTIATIONS, TH U.S. PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE
FOR PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE XX:

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY
OF THE EXCHANGE OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES OF EACH PARTY. ITS
PROVISIONS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 3, 1977,
EXCEPT THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH
THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, AS AGREED BY THE PARTIES, WILL
BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.
THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DECEMBER 31,
1985, UNLESS REPLACED EARLIER BY AN AGREEMENT FURTHER
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LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH CONFORMS WITH COMMONLY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. IT STATES PRECISELY THAT THE AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY THAT APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ARE EXCHANGED.

THE SECOND SENTENCE STATES THAT THE PARTIES SHALL AGREE THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE PARTIES TO REACH AGREEMENT AS TO WHICH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS THESE WILL BE AND TO RECORD THIS AGREEMENT IN AN APPROPRIATE FORM AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 3, 1977, UPON TERMINATION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

THE THIRD SENTENCE REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS U.S. PROPOSED ARTICLE XX.

II

MR. MINISTER, I WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PARAGRAPH AS A WHOLE, AND, ASSUMING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE, I WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION WITH YOU AS TO WHICH PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. JOHNSON

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